

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for inserting a cannula into tissue, comprising:
a protective element for accommodating [[a]] the cannula in a retracted position;
an ~~operating~~ energy storing element for expelling the cannula out of said protective element; and
a base body removably connected to the protective element, wherein the cannula is expelled from the protective element through an opening in the base body.
2. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein a holder configured to be~~ which is fixedly connected to the ~~cannula and cannula~~, said holder ~~comprises~~ comprising a connecting element that connects with the base body upon expulsion of the cannula from the protective ~~body~~ element through the opening in the base body.
3. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a needle surrounded by the cannula.
4. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 3, wherein said needle can be inserted completely into the protective element.
5. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the ~~operating~~ energy storing element simultaneously expels the needle and the cannula from the protective element in an inserting direction.
6. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective element is disconnected from the base body after expulsion of the cannula.
7. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said base body consists of a foundation body arranged on a plaster.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective element is a non-ductile body.

10. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective element is a frame which at least partially surrounds the cannula when it is retracted.

11. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective element is a sheath which completely surrounds the cannula when it is retracted.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 2, wherein a sealing element is provided in the holder.

Claims 15-24 (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A device for inserting a cannula into tissue, comprising
a protective element for accommodating a cannula in a retracted position;
a cannula expelling device;
~~a cannula expelling~~ an energy storing expelling element for expelling said cannula from
the protective element;
~~restoring an energy storing restoring~~ element coupled to the cannula expelling ~~element~~
device, in order to retract said cannula expelling ~~element~~ device again once the cannula has been
expelled; and
a base body removably connected to the protective element, wherein the cannula is
expelled from the protective element through an opening in the base body.

26. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 25, wherein the cannula expelling ~~device element~~ is a needle.
27. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 25, wherein said energy storing restoring element is a spring element.
28. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 27, wherein a triggering element is provided for the energy storing restoring element such that the energy storing restoring element is automatically triggered when the protective element is detached from the base body.
29. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 25, wherein the ~~cannula expelling element further comprises~~ energy storing expelling element is a spring.
30. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 29, wherein said ~~cannula expelling element~~ energy storing expelling element and the energy storing restoring element are formed by a single spring.
31. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 25, further comprising a triggering element for securing and triggering at least one of the ~~cannula~~ energy storing expelling element and the energy storing restoring element.
32. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 31, further comprising a securing element for arresting said triggering element.
33. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the device is a disposable device or a reusable device.
34. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a rotational connection for connecting the protective element to the base body is provided.

35. (New) A device for inserting a cannula into tissue, comprising:
a protective element for accommodating a cannula in a retracted position;
a holder configured to hold a cannula;
an energy storing expelling element configured to expel the cannula out of said protective element;
at least one pair of connector elements fixedly and flexibly attached to the protective element, the at least one pair of connector elements including latching projections; and
a base body comprising:
a plaster; and
a foundation body , wherein the foundation body is removably connected to a distal end of the protective element via the at least one pair of connector elements.
36. (New) The device as set forth in claim 35, further comprising a needle configured to be expelled along with the cannula and situated within the cannula.
37. (New) The device as set forth in claim 36, further comprising an energy storing restoring element coupled to the needle to retract the needle after the cannula has been expelled.
38. (New) The device as set forth in claim 37, wherein the energy storing expelling element is a first spring and the energy storing restoring element is a second spring.
39. (New) The device as set forth in claim 37, wherein the energy storing expelling element and the energy storing restoring element comprise a single spring.